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In re application of: Hiroyuki HOJO et al.

Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
 Expedited Procedure Requested  
 Examining Group. 3711  
 Attorney Docket No. P24550

Application No. : 10/758,019

Group Art Unit: 3711

Filed : January 16, 2004

Examiner: Kien T. Nguyen

For : BALANCE PRACTICING MACHINE

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Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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 401 Dulany Street  
 Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

No additional fee is required.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on August 16, 2006, Applicants submit the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.